



**Park District of Oak Park
Regular Board Meeting
Hedges Administrative Center
218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:30pm**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick, and President Aeschleman.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Maureen McCarthy, Superintendent of Recreation; Karyn DeYoung, Cheney Operations Supervisor; Patti Staley, Director of Horticulture & Conservatory Operations; Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters and Marty Farmer, Wednesday Journal.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Executive Director Arnold informed the Board of a change to the Agenda; VII.C.1 Collective Bargaining Agreement will be taken off the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

III. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Cash and Investment Summary and Warrants and Bills for the month of March, 2016; approval of minutes from the Continued Regular Board Meeting, March 3, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 3, 2016, Spring Park Tour March 12, 2016 and the Regular Board Meeting March 16, 2016; approval of Executive Session Minutes from March 3, 2016 and March 21, 2016; approval of Park District Citizen Committee New Appointment – Kevin Cohen; and approval of Disposal Ordinance 2016-04-01. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the Board on the upcoming Feasibility Study Open House, April 27, where three layouts of three different lot sizes will be set up in different rooms at Cheney for the community. The comments received will be discussed at the Task Force Meeting on April 28. She also informed the Board of the changes to the open outdoor basketball courts from 8am-8pm, as well as the skateboard park. Attendants will be floating between all the courts to check on them and when the courts are scheduled for a full court an attendant will remain at that court. The AGEEC construction continues to move along with the dry wall beginning in early May up and cistern work. The Arbor Day joint celebration with 50 students will take place on April 29. Mills Park Art In The Park is being planned with 12 pieces of art that will be placed around Mills Park for residents to enjoy; Maureen McCarthy will be on the selection committee for the art pieces. The PDOP has been contacted by

a solar contractor to possibly lease the RCRC roof for solar panel placement and the Barrie sled hill fence has been removed and native wild flowers has been planted in the hopes of quelling erosion from runners on the hill.

B. Division Managers' Reports (Updates & Information) – Written Report Included in Board Packet.

C. Revenue/Expense Status Report – No questions asked.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:38pm Commissioner Wick moved and Commissioner Lentz seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session to consider collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 7:50pm a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Guarino to adjourn the Closed Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

1. Summer Camp Transportation Bid

Commissioner Guarino moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners approve a contract with First Student for April 2016 – March 2017, with the ability to extend the contracts for 2017 and 2018 based on performance. The Board was reminded of the information discussed at the COW Meeting on the needed bus transportation for the District. Only one bid was submitted by the company First Student. Their costs are in line with the current contract and actually less than the current cost for special trips. Their references were checked and all came back positive. The Board confirmed the ability to go out again if they are not performing and were informed that if their work was positive it could be extended for 2 more years. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

B. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee - None

C. Administration and Finance Committee

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement

This item was taken off the agenda at the Approval of the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cheney Mansion Annual Report

Karyn DeYoung, Cheney Operations Supervisor, presented the annual Cheney Mansion report for 2015 including: highlights of the year, revenue and a three year revenue comparison, expenses, programs and classes, community involvement and what's ahead for 2016. The Board discussed the consortium of young artists art expo with over 1800 people attending, the 900lbs of food that was grown at Cheney and donated locally, partnerships with Sugar Beet, restaurants, the food pantry, caterers, the new web based marketing plan along with the new virtual 360 degree tour of Cheney, the change with Poppy Vogel's departure and Karyn's role as supervisor as well as her role in the continuing of the running of special events. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Guarino** – Has enjoyed going around the Village and seeing the parks in use. Everyone is very complimentary of the fields.
- **Commissioner Wick** – Wanted to remind the Board of the Oak Park Art League's request for help in their goal of making a centrally located art area with the purchase of the two properties on either side. He also wanted to bring to the Board's attention to the desire for paddle ball and how it is overbooked in other Districts and he would like the Park District to look further into it.

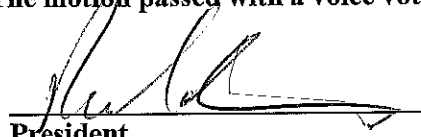
- **Commissioner Porreca** – Attended the public meeting for the Feasibility Study and heard lots of great comments and is looking forward to next week's open house for the Feasibility Study.
- **Commissioner Lentz** – Wanted to commend the customer service staff at RCRC, she was in there today and received great help from them. She also informed the Board to go to Festival Theatre's website for half price tickets to their production of Taming of the Shrew; she is also looking forward to the new space at the AGEEC facility.
- **Commissioner Aeschleman** – Stated that it is great to see the parks, people, and flowers with the nice weather. He informed the Board of the IGOV meeting and the forum for shared ideas. IECO went well and will be having an MOU coming to be discussed at the next COW. It was a nice nod towards the Park District's Feasibility Study as the IECO group referenced the process as a model they would like to emulate for the IECO group.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14pm the Regular Board meeting was adjourned. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**


 Secretary
 Board of Park Commissioners

May 19, 2016
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 President
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